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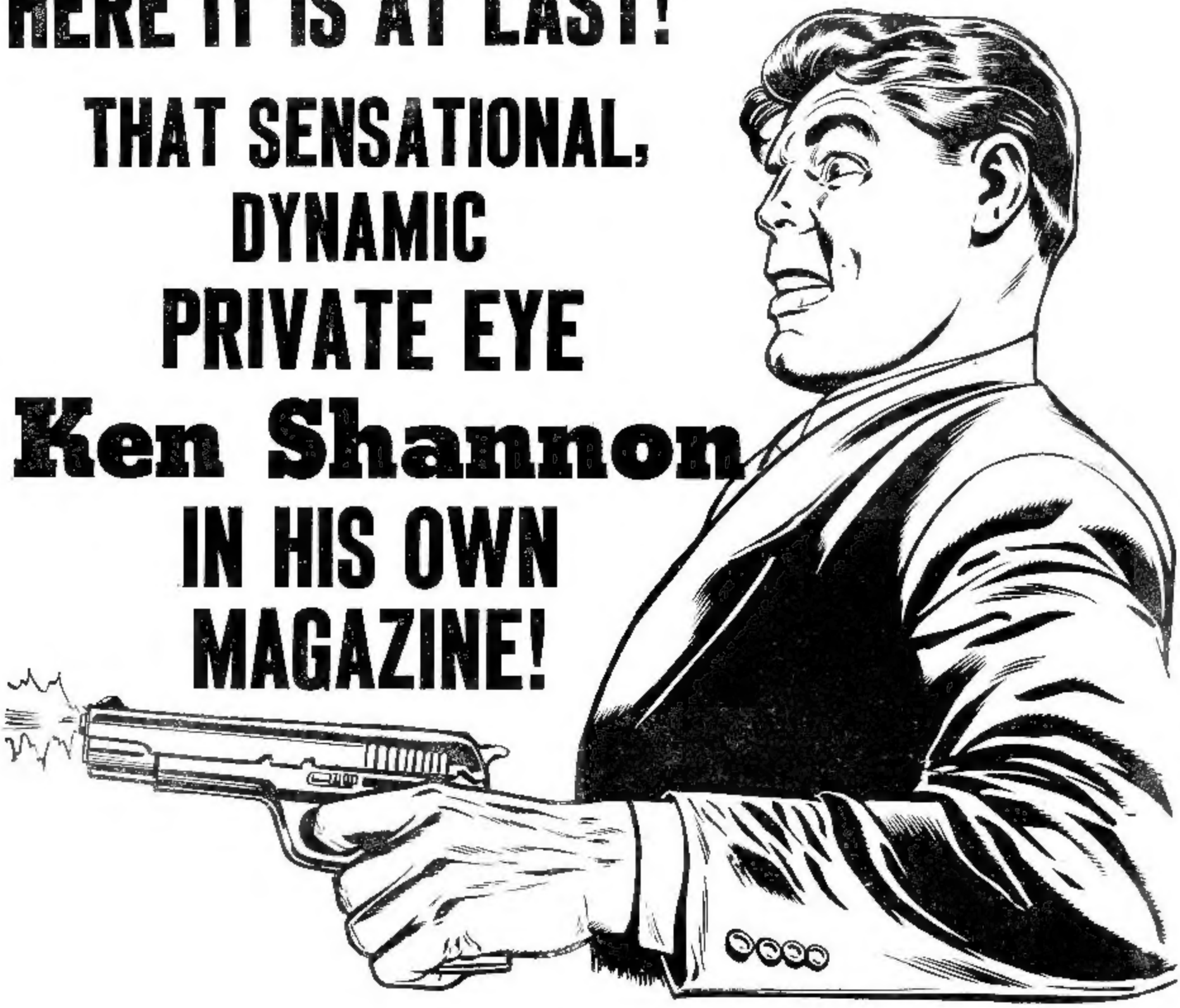

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PLASTIC MAN

IF I HAD A HEATER I'D CHILL THAT PLASTIC NUISANCE!

FREEZE, ICE MAN! YOU HAVEN'T THE CHANCE OF A SNOW-BALL IN AN OVEN!

DANGER! THIN ICE!

THE ICE MAN HAD A HOT IDEA TO COLD-SHOULDER THE LAW AND FREEZE ONTO SOME RARE ICE! BUT PLASTIC MAN OF THE F.B.I. QUICKLY GOT THE DRIFT AND PUT IN A BLOOD-CHILLING APPEARANCE IN TIME TO FACE THE COLDEST CHARACTER IN CRIME--

THE MAN BELOW ZERO!

HA-HA! WE FOOLED YOU! THIS CHILLING ADVENTURE TAKES PLACE DURING THE HOTTEST WEEK OF SUMMER!

ICE

WOOZY, DON'T YOU EVER DO ANYTHING BUT EAT?

SURE, PLAS! SOMETIMES I SLEEP AND JUST DREAM ABOUT EATING!

YIIIII!

VAL ST.

Cool XX!! MY OLD LADY TOLD ME THERE'D BE DAYS LIKE THIS!

WHY IS IT THE ONLY PEOPLE WHO STILL BUY ICE LIVE ON TOP FLOORS? PUFF-PUFF!

SORRY, BUT WE JUST GOT AN ELECTRIC REFRIGERATOR! WE DON'T NEED ICE ANY MORE!

WHAAT?

THEN MAKE A SKATING RINK FOR A GALLOPING GOOSE!

YEEEK!

CRASH!

THAT SETTLES IT! I QUIT! I'M ALL THR...MMFF! BFFF!

— CHRONICLE — BANDIT WALKS OUT WITH $50,000!

IT AIN'T FAIR! I CLIMB 10 FLIGHTS FOR 50¢ I DON'T GET... AND SOME CROOK STROLLS OFF WITH 50 GRAND! EEAHHH!

I KNOW WHAT I'LL DO! I'LL TURN CROOK MYSELF! IT'S THE ONLY WAY LEFT FOR A MAN TO MAKE AN HONEST LIVING!

NOBODY EVER THOUGHT OF USING *ICE* TO COMMIT CRIMES! I KNOW PLENTY OF TRICKS WITH ICE... AND I'LL *STEAL* ICE! *DIAMONDS!*

GIDDYAP, FLEA BISCUIT!

And SO, A FEW MORNINGS LATER IN THE F.B.I. OFFICE..

THIS IS CHIEF BRANNER! *WHAT? WHEN? WHERE?* OH, *NO...!*

WHAT'S UP, CHIEF? WHERE'S THE CRIME?

THE BROOTEN DIAMOND COMPANY! SOMEBODY CRACKED A SUPPOSEDLY BURGLAR-PROOF SAFE AND GOT A FORTUNE IN UNSET DIAMONDS!

EEOWW! WE'RE ON OUR WAY, CHIEF!

PLAS, IT'S TOO=.. =PUFF-PUFF=... HOT TO RUN! WAIT FOR ME!

CAN'T, WOOZY! UNSET DIAMONDS ARE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO TRACE! IF WE DON'T WORK FAST, WE'RE LICKED!

GOING UP! HURRY, WOOZY! HERE'S THE OFFICE!

GOOD MORNING! HOT, ISN'T IT?

EEEEK!

...AND THE SAFE WASN'T CUT OR BLASTED! IT JUST BROKE! I SHALL SUE THE MANUFACTURER...!

BETTER WAIT A BIT, MR. BROOTEN! THERE ARE PECULIAR ELEMENTS TO THIS WHOLE MATTER!

DIAMONDS

FOR INSTANCE, WHERE DID THIS WATER COME FROM?

NOBODY KNOWS! NO WATERPIPES ARE BROKEN OR FAUCETS OPEN! IT WAS JUST THERE WHEN WE OPENED UP THIS MORNING!

I THINK IT--- UB-GLUB!

WOOZY WINKS, HOW CAN YOU BE SO CLUMSY? APOLOGIZE TO MR. BROOTEN!

AW, WHAT'S HE SO BURNED ABOUT? I GOT WET, TOO, DIDN'T I?

OH, COME ON! WE'LL RUN ALONG, MR. BROOTEN, AND SEE WHAT WE CAN TURN UP!

I'D APPRECIATE IT IF YOU'D TURN UP THAT CLUMSY CLOWN AND HOLD HIS HEAD UNDER WATER FOR A FEW HOURS!

BE QUIET, NOW, WOOZY! I WANT TO THINK! I KEEP THINKING OF ICE!

SO DO I, PLAS! MMM-YMMM! MAKE MINE LEMON ICE!

SODA

FOR THAT STEAMY FEELING Try a Lemon Ice!

FORGET YOUR STOMACH! I MEAN THE KIND OF ICE THAT COULD CHILL STEEL UNTIL IT BECAME BRITTLE ---AND LEAVE WATER WHEN IT MELTED!

OOOPS! DON'T GO AWAY, HONEY! I'LL BE BACK!

SODA

FOR THAT STEAMY FEELING Try a Lemon Ice

YOU MEAN SOMEBODY GAVE THAT SAFE AN ICE-PACK AND THEN SLUGGED IT? BUT WHO'D DO THAT?

THAT'S THE PROBLEM! IT ISN'T A PROFESSIONAL TRICK! I'M AFRAID WE'RE UP AGAINST THAT BANE OF LAW OFFICERS--A TALENTED AMATEUR!

HEY, HEY! YOU NO BUY-A DA FISH, NO SQUEEZE-A DA BELLY, MAKE-A DA EYES POP OUT!

RELAX! I WAS JUST THINKIN' HOW MUCH IT LOOKS LIKE MY LANDLADY!

FISH

10¢ LB.

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MEANWHILE, NOT FAR AWAY...

STAY THERE, FLEA BISCUIT! WE'RE GOING OUT AGAIN RIGHT AWAY!

ICE HOUSE

NOBODY'D EVER FIND MY HIDEOUT! AND IF THEY DID, THEY'D FREEZE IN IT QUICK!

I'VE HANDLED ICE SO LONG I DON'T FEEL THE COLD! I LOVE ICE...ESPECIALLY EXPENSIVE ICE LIKE THIS! I'LL GET LOTS MORE!

HEE-HEE! IN A MINUTE THE DIAMONDS WILL MELT INTO THE ICE AND BE INVISIBLE! THEY'RE IN COLD STORAGE WHILE I GO AFTER MORE!

WHILE THE MANHUNT GOES ON...

YOU'D BETTER BE TELLING THE TRUTH, MIKE THE MINK, OR YOU'RE IN FOR A SKINNING!

I TELL YUH, PLASTIC MAN, NONE O' THE BOYS GOT ANY IDEA WHO'S MUSCLIN' INTO THE JEWEL RACKET! WE'D LIKE TO NAB HIM OURSELVES!

TRASH

YUH GOT NO RIGHT TO SCARE A INNOCENT YEGG OUTA FIVE YEAR'S GROWTH LIKE THIS! IT AIN'T LEGAL!

SUE ME! BUT DON'T FORGET TO LET ME KNOW IF YOU HEAR ANYTHING ABOUT THIS NEW MENACE!

MOTHER

WOOZY, WHERE ARE Y--? OH, THERE YOU ARE!

I JUST SAW AN ICE MAN GO BY SO I GRABBED A CHUNK TO COOL OFF WITH! THE FLAVOR'S KINDA FLAT BUT IT FEELS GOOD!

WOOZY WINKS! THAT'S IT! YOU JUST BROKE THIS CASE WIDE OPEN!

GLPP! I D-DID? I MEAN, SURE I DID!

THINK, WOOZY! IT TOOK HUNDREDS OF POUNDS OF ICE TO CHILL THAT SAFE! WHO COULD LUG THAT MUCH ICE AROUND, UNNOTICED?

N-NOBODY BUT AN ICE MAN... WOOPS! SURE, PLAS! AN ICE MAN!

BUT THERE MUST BE FIFTY ICE MEN, PLAS! HOW WE GONNA TELL WHICH IS OUR MAN?

WE'LL DIVIDE THE LIST BETWEEN US AND SEARCH EVERY ICE HOUSE FOR CLUES! FOR ONCE YOU CAN REALLY HELP ON A CASE, WOOZY!

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A SHORT TIME LATER...

WHEEW! WHY DO I HAFTA GET MY INSPIRATIONS ON THE HOTTEST DAY OF THE YEAR? WELL, HERE'S THE FIRST ICE HOUSE!

ICE HOUSE

YOO HOO! ANYBODY HOME?

HEY, IT'S REALLY COOL IN HERE! MAYBE MY IDEA WASN'T SO DUMB AFTER ALL!

I'LL JUST RELAX AND COOL OFF FOR A MINUTE! PLAS WON'T MIND IF I TAKE TIME TO THINK ABOUT OUR CASE!

HALF AN HOUR LATER---

ZZZZZ

AHHH---BZZZZ

WE PAUSE NOW FOR A BRIEF LESSON IN PHYSICS...

PHYSICS

ICE

STRING

WEIGHTS

ANY WARM OBJECT PLACED ON ICE WILL MELT ITS WAY CLEAR THROUGH LEAVING THE ICE REFROZEN ABOVE IT.

MEANWHILE...

MARTIERS

NOW, THERE'S A HUNK OF ICE I WOULDN'T MIND LUGGING! AND MARTIER'S IS ONE OF MY REGULAR CUSTOMERS!

ON DISPLAY TODAY ONLY THE EMBERLY WORLD'S LARGEST DIAMOND

AWRIGHT, YOU! WHERE D'YUH THINK YOU'RE GOIN'?

WHERE DO YOU THINK I'M GOING, STUPID? TO A CHOWDER-PULLER'S BALL?

MARTIER SERVICE ENTRANCE

I'M DELIVERING ICE TO THE COOLING SYSTEM! ISN'T THAT RIGHT, MR. MARTIER?

HEAVENS, YES, OFFICERS! HE'S LATE NOW AND MY CUSTOMERS ARE SIMPLY *PERSPIRING*! DON'T BOTHER HIM!

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WOW! WHAT A GORGEOUS PIECE OF ICE! HOW'LL YOU TRADE, BUB?

AW, FREEZE YER TEETH AND GIVE YER TONGUE A SLEIGH-RIDE, WISE GUY!

EMBERLY

A FAIR EXCHANGE IS NO ROBBERY! I TAKE ICE IN, I TAKE ICE OUT!

AIR CONDITIO

NOT BAD SCULPTURING! I'VE BEEN USING AN ICE PICK SO LONG I KNOW JUST HOW TO JAB!

PLASTIC MAN

THERE! NOBODY'LL SPOT THE DIFFERENCE UNTIL MY ICE STARTS TO MELT! BY THAT TIME, I'LL HAVE *MELTED* AWAY!

FREEZE RIGHT THERE ICE MAN!

EEEOW!

HUH?

GRAB 'EM, IT'S A ROBBERY!

LET ME GO YOU IDIOTS! THE REAL THIEF IS GETTING AWAY!

WHICH WAY DID HE GO?

HE WENT THAT WAY!

GRAND EXIT

YIPPEEE! I PUT THE SKIDS TO PLASTIC MAN! SCRATCH PAVEMENT, FLEA BISCUIT!

WHAT TH...?

THERE HE GOES... STRAIGHT FOR HIS ICE HOUSE! HE WON'T ESCAPE!

GARAGE

THERE! I'LL SHUT THE DOOR TIGHT THIS TIME AND IT'LL FREEZE SOLID! THERE WON'T BE EVEN A CRACK FOR THAT PLASTIC PERL TO SQUEEZE THROUGH!

PLASTIC MAN

I'LL ESCAPE THROUGH MY SECRET TUNNEL AND--- YIII!

WAIT! THAT'S PLASTIC MAN'S FAT PAL, AND HE'S [illegible]

IN A MINUTE HE'LL MELT THROUGH AND FALL RIGHT ON THOSE SHARP ICICLES!

YIPE! SAVE ME!

ALL RIGHT, WOOZY! CONSIDER YOURSELF SAVED!

YIIII! YOU CAN'T GET IN HERE! THE ICE IS FROZEN SOLID!

YOU'VE HEARD OF FIRE DRILLS? WELL, I MADE MYSELF INTO AN [illegible]

GET BACK! I'VE GOT MY ICE PICK! I'LL PUNCTURE YOU LIKE A TWO-DOLLAR INNER TUBE

HAVE TO STICK [illegible]

FRUSTRATED

PLASTIC MAN

NOT ONLY THAT, BUT YOU'RE CONFUSED! NOW COOL OFF!

EEEAHH! I GIVE UP! I SURRENDER!

THAT'S BETTER! NOW WHERE ARE THE UNCUT DIAMONDS YOU STOLE?

FROZEN INTO THAT CAKE OF ICE! AFTER I STOLE 'EM I COULDN'T FIGURE OUT HOW TO SELL 'EM!

HOLD ON, WOOZY! I'LL HAVE YOU OUT WHERE IT S WARM IN A MINUTE!

I'LL N-NEVER C-COMPLAIN ABOUT THE H-HEAT AGAIN, P-PLAS!

CHIP! CHIP!

YOU WEREN'T VERY SMART, ICE MAN! IT WAS EASY TO GUESS YOU'D USE AN ICE COOLING SYSTEM TO GO AFTER THE WORLD'S MOST VALUABLE HUNK OF ICE!

GO AHEAD; THROW ME IN THE COOLER! BUT I ALMOST SUCCEEDED!

I GOT SICK OF LUGGING ICE FOR PEA-NUTS! I WANTED BIG DOUGH!

WHAT A CHUMP! YOU CAN SPEND THE NEXT TWENTY YEARS FIGURING HOW MUCH ICE YOU LUGGED FOR CRIME ...AND GOT ONLY A BLACK EYE!

THAT'S RIGHT! I LUGGED TONS OF IT FOR THAT SAFE JOB AND MORE TONS FOR THE ICE CHAMBER! AND I DIDN'T COLLECT A CENT!

TO QUOTE A CORNY SAYING... CRIME DOESN'T PAY!

ICE CREAM

THE ONLY THING I CAN'T FIGURE IS HOW YOU FOUND HIS HIDEOUT BY YOURSELF, WOOZY!

AW, YOU JUST DON'T APPRECIATE MY DETECT-IVE ABILITY, PLAS!

PLASTIC MAN

YOU'RE NOT PART OF THE ACT! GET DOWN OFF THERE!

GULP! GOSH! THAT'S EASIER SAID THAN DONE!

JUST THINK WE'RE GOING TO THE CIRCUS AND WE'RE GOING TO SEE ALL THOSE DARING FEATS OF ACTION!

AW, I THINK MOST OF THOSE STUNTS ARE A FAKE!

MY GOODNESS! WHAT ABOUT THE ACROBATS? THEY ARE AWFUL BRAVE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ACROBAT TO BE BRAVE! NOW TAKE ME FOR INSTANCE...

BARNEY'S CIR

PLASTIC MAN

I THINK YOU'RE A REAL NICE FELLOW, WOOZY, BUT YOU'RE JUST NOT DASHING LIKE AN ACROBAT!

COME ON, LET'S GO IN AND SEE THE SHOW!

TICKETS

NOW THIS IS THE WAY WE'LL DO IT... YOU STEAL HIS HAT AND HE CHASES YOU UP TO THE HIGH WIRE! IT'S A TERRIFIC IDEA! THE AUDIENCE WILL LOVE IT!

BUT I NEVER SAW THE GUY BEFORE! HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO KNOW HIM?

HE'S A SHORT, TUBBY GUY WITH A STRAW HAT! BESIDES HE'LL GIVE YOU A HIGHSIGN!

OKAY! WE'RE READY TO GET STARTED! GET INTO YOUR ACT!

ISN'T THAT CLOWN JUST A HOWL?

HE LOOKS LIKE HE'S COMING OVER HERE TO BOTHER US!

I CAME HERE TO BE ALONE WITH MITZI! MAYBE IF I SIGNAL TO HIM HE'LL GO AWAY!

WHAT ARE YOU WAVING TO HIM FOR, WOOZY? IS HE A FRIEND OF YOURS?

THAT MUST BE THE SIGNAL! HERE I GO!

A VERY PECULIAR FRIEND IF YOU ASK ME!

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

THAT GUY'S A GOOD ACTOR! HE SOUNDED REALLY MAD!

HEY! GIVE ME BACK MY HAT!

NOBODY'S GONNA MAKE A MONKEY OF ME IN FRONT OF MY GIRL!

OH-OH! I WOULD RATHER HAVE SETTLED THIS ON THE GROUND!

IF I GAVE UP NOW, MITZI WOULD THINK I WAS A COWARD!

SO FAR WE'RE DOING FINE! NOW LET'S GIVE THE FOLKS A THRILL FOR THEIR MONEY!

HUH? ALL I WANT IS MY HAT!

THAT'S THE IDEA OF THIS STUNT! YOU'LL GET YOUR HAT BUT YOU'LL GET IT THE HARD WAY! NOW COME AND GRAB FOR IT!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M GONNA DO!

PLASTIC MAN

OOP!

YOU MEAN ALLEZ OOP!

WHOEVER INVENTED HATS SHOULD HAVE HAD HIS HEAD EXAMINED!

I'M TIRED OF PLAYING GAMES WITH THIS CLOWN! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!

OH, NO!

GEE! I WONDER WHO WILL TAKE MITZI HOME? I KNOW IT WON'T BE ME!

HEY! THAT WAS A SWELL GAG! LISTEN TO THAT AUDIENCE!

GAG, HE SAYS? YEAH IT WAS SO FUNNY I THOUGHT I'D DIE!

BUT THAT STUNT WAS ONLY A WARM-UP! WE STILL HAVE THE HIGH WIRE ROUTINE!

WE DO? I MEAN.. COUNT ME OUT!

PLASTIC MAN

YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PULL OUT ON ME NOW! THIS ACT IS TOO GOOD!

IT AIN'T VERY GOOD FOR MY NERVOUS SYSTEM!

NOW STOP CLOWNING!

TAKE YOUR OWN ADVICE!

OH GOSH!

BRAVO!

BRAVO!

WELL THIS IS MAKING SOMEBODY FEEL GOOD... ONLY I WISH IT WAS ME!

THUD!

YOU'RE NOT THE MAN I HIRED BUT THAT WAS A SPINE-TINGLING PERFORM-ANCE!

IT WASN'T EXACTLY SPINE-TINGLING! IT WAS ALMOST BACK-BREAKING!

GOSH, WOOZY! I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD BE SO BRAVE!

FRANKLY NEITHER DID I?

PLASTIC MAN

RUN! IT'S MR. FISSION!

MR FISSION WASN'T ALWAYS HIS NAME BUT HE GOT IT FOR GOOD REASON! STRANGE CHANCE HAD MADE ATOMIC RADIOACTIVITY HIS PERSONAL WEAPON...AND AT FIRST EVEN PLASTIC MAN FOUND THAT BRAIN, MUSCLE AND ELASTICITY WERE NOT ENOUGH TO COPE WITH THIS MENACE!

THERE'S KROTZ, PLAS! HE'S CUTTING THROUGH THE BARBED WIRE!

ATOMIC PLANT #8 KEEP OUT!

I'LL GET THAT CRUMMY SPY THIS TIME!

AREN'T YOU GLAD I CAME ALONG PLAS? NOW IF I HADN'T BEEN ON THE SPOT WITH A FLASHLIGHT YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED HIM!

ATOMIC PLANT #8 KEEP OUT!

PLASTIC MAN

COULD BE, WOOZY, BUT DON'T SPOIL IT NOW BY FOULING THINGS UP!

PLASTIC MAN! I'VE GOT TO WORK FAST!

I WAS TOO LATE TO PREVENT THAT!

THUD!

ONE GUARD YIELDS THE KEY AND A GUN! THAT'S WHAT'S KNOWN AS LIVING OFF THE COUNTRY!

BANG! BANG!

BULLETS BOUNCE RIGHT OFF HIM! SHODDY STUFF THESE AMERICAN PRODUCTS! I SHOULD HAVE USED MY OWN GUN!

YOU HAVE MANY THINGS TO LEARN, KROTZ!

BUT I BELIEVE I CAN ELUDE HIM! THE IMPORTANT THING IS TO FIND THOSE NEW ATOMIC PLANS AND GET AWAY!

THE OFFICES MUST BE THROUGH THAT DOOR!

IN THE MEANTIME...

WAIT UNTIL PLASTIC MAN HEARS OF THIS SMART STUNT! I FOUND ANOTHER ENTRANCE AND NOW IF KROTZ EVADES PLASTIC MAN I CAN NAIL HIM!

PLASTIC MAN

YOU'RE THROUGH, KROTZ!

OWW!

OOPS! SORRY, PLAS!

HA! HA!

I KNEW YOU'D DO IT SOONER OR LATER, WOOZY!

IT'S ALL RIGHT PLAS! HE HASN'T GOT MUCH OF A START! YOU'LL GET HIM!

YOU'LL NEVER GET ME PLASTIC MAN! I'LL DIE FIRST!

EEAHHH!

JUPITER! HE DID IT!

WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM, PLAS!

HE FELL OR DELIBERATELY WENT THROUGH THE OPENING OF THAT CYCLOTRON! IT'S A BRAND NEW MODEL AND I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW IT WORKS BUT UNLESS I'M MISTAKEN THERE MUST BE ENOUGH RADIOACTIVE MATERIAL IN THERE TO DESTROY HIM!

HE MUST HAVE DONE IT DELIBERATELY! KROTZ KNEW YOU'D GET HIM OTHERWISE AND MAKE HIM TELL WHO HIS CONFEDERATES WERE!

IT WOULD BE TOO RISKY TO STICK OUR NOSES INTO THAT GADGET AND FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED! I'D BETTER CALL THE DIRECTOR OF THIS PLANT AND GET HIM DOWN! HE'LL KNOW HOW TO GO ABOUT IT!

PLASTIC MAN

Or A LITTLE WHILE...

...AND THAT'S HOW IT HAPPENED, DR. FIBO!

HMM! VERY INTERESTING! WE WOULD NEVER HAVE DARED ASK FOR A VOLUNTEER TO GO INTO THAT CYCLOTRON! BUT ITS EFFECT ON A HUMAN BEING SHOULD BE INTERESTING!

I DON'T THINK I'D CARE TO LOOK AT THE CORPSE THAT COMES OUT OF THAT THING... IF THERE'S ANY CORPSE LEFT!

CORPSE? NOT NECESSARILY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

A NEW TYPE OF FISSIONABLE MATERIAL HAS GONE INTO THAT CYCLOTRON, PLASTIC MAN! IT WOULD NOT NECESSARILY DESTROY A MAN WHO CAME IN CONTACT WITH IT WHILE IN THERE!

MORE LIKELY IT WOULD GIVE HIM THE POWER TO SPREAD RADIOACTIVE RAYS WHEREVER HE WISHED! THESE RAYS, HOWEVER, COULD DEFINITELY DESTROY ANY LIVING THING!

WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY FASCINATED ME, DR. FIBO! I HAD JUST BEEN THINKING OF HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE IF I SHOULD ACQUIRE JUST SUCH POWERS!

REMARKABLE! YOU SURVIVED AS I SUSPECTED, AND YOU MAY HAVE THOSE POWERS, MR.-... ER---MR. FISSION! YES THAT WOULD BE THE PERFECT NAME FOR YOU REGARDLESS OF WHAT IT WAS BEFORE!

SHALL WE FIND OUT?

LOOK OUT, PLASTIC MAN! DON'T LET HIM POINT A FINGER AT YOU! IF HE HAS THE RADIOACTIVE POWER HE CAN SHOOT A RAY THROUGH HIS FINGER!

HA, HA! FUTILE PRECAUTIONS, PLASTIC MAN! I JUST HAVE A FEELING THIS IS GOING TO WORK AND I'LL KILL ALL OF YOU!

IT ISN'T EASY TO AIM AT A BOUNCING BALL, KROTZ!

LOOK! THE PLANT'S MASCOT! MAYBE SHE'LL BRING US LUCK!

JUST WHAT I NEED TO EXPERIMENT WITH MY POWERS!

HA! HA! IT WORKS! THE CAT IS DEAD!

WE'RE DONE FOR, PLASTIC MAN! KROTZ'S RADIOACTIVE WEAPON WORKED ON THE CAT! IT'LL DO THE SAME ON US!

IF WE STICK AROUND--- WHICH I DON'T INTEND TO DO! HOLD TIGHT!

I'LL GET YOU YET, KROTZ! BUT FIRST I'LL HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW ONE BUCKS YOUR NEW WEAPON!

A THOUSAND CURSES! I MISSED!

CRASH!

ALL RIGHT! MAYBE YOU GOT AWAY! BUT WITH THE POWER I HAVE NOW YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO STOP ME FROM ACCOMPLISHING MY MISSION!

YOU TWO GO HOME NOW! I'LL GO BACK TO THE PLANT AND GET KROTZ! I'LL FIGURE OUT HOW ON MY WAY.

HELL WILL YOU, PLASTIC MAN! DON'T DO IT!

PLASTIC MAN

BUT I MUST TAKE THE CHANCE! WHAT ABOUT THOSE PLANS KROTZ IS AFTER?

HE WON'T GET THEM! WE TOOK SO MANY PRE-CAUTIONS TO PROTECT THEM THAT WE FINALLY DECIDED NOT TO KEEP THEM IN THE SAME PLANT WHERE THEY WERE BEING USED! I HAVE THEM IN MY SAFE AT HOME!

IN THAT CASE I WILL GO AFTER KROTZ ANOTHER DAY! IF YOU'LL GIVE ME ALL THE DATA ON PROTECTION FROM THAT SORT OF RADIOACTIVITY, I'LL FIND SOME WAY TO MAKE MYSELF IMMUNE!

HMM! LET ME THINK!

ONE DAY GOES BY---

JUST LOOK AT THOSE HEADLINES! MORE KILLINGS EVERY HOUR! NOBODY CAN GET A SHOT AT HIM BEFORE HE LETS LOOSE HIS RAYS!

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DAILY RECORD
RADIOACTIVE KILLER MURDERS
DEFENSE DEPARTMENT CLERK
N SEARCH FOR SECRET PLANS!

Evening Sun
ANOTHER MUR
SCIENTIST FIBO
WARNS NATION
TO STEER CLEAR
OF MR. FISSI

HE'S BEEN GOING FROM ONE GOVERNMENT OFFICE TO ANOTHER, FROM ONE ATOMIC LABORATORY TO THE NEXT---AND WHEREVER HE GOES SOMEBODY DIES!

WHEN I HEAR OF THOSE INNOCENT PEOPLE DYING BECAUSE OF THAT MONSTER MY HEART FEELS LIKE LEAD!

I'VE GOT IT! I'M SURE GLAD YOU SAID THAT, CHIEF!

WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

RRRING!

IT'S DR. FIBO! MR. FISSION JUST CALLED HIM TO SAY HE'S NARROWED HIS SEARCH FOR THE PLANS DOWN TO DR. FIBO'S HOME! FIBO KNEW MR. FISSION WAS LOOKING FOR HIM TO MAKE SOME STARTLED REPLY THAT WOULD GIVE HIM AWAY---AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED!

THEN MR. FISSION WILL BE THERE VERY SOON!

OF COURSE! I'D BETTER SEND SOME MEN DOWN TO GET THE PLANS OUT OF DR. FIBO'S HOUSE!

NO! DON'T! MR. FISSION'S TIMING COULDN'T HAVE BEEN BETTER! LEAVE IT ALL TO ME!

PLASTIC MAN

A FEW HOURS LATER AT THE HOME OF DR. FIBO...

MY THREATS WORKED! FIBO DID NOT DARE HAVE ANYBODY HERE WITH HIM! AND EVEN IF SOMEBODY IS HIDING I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIM EASILY!

ALL RIGHT, FIBO SPEAK UP! WHERE ARE THE PLANS?

IN THAT FILING CABINET, MR. FISSION!

HA! HA! I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THAT NAME! I RATHER LIKE IT!

NOW TO CROWN MY EFFORTS! MY GOVERNMENT WILL DECORATE ME FOR THIS!

ZZZAAAP

EEEEOW!

I WOULDN'T BE TOO SURE OF THOSE DECORATIONS MR. FISSION! NOTICE THAT YOUR HANDS ARE NOW UNABLE TO AIM ANY DEATH DEALING RAYS! AT ME!

YEEEEOW!

AND THE SAME GOES FOR YOUR LEGS, MR. FISSION!

CRASH!

PLASTIC MAN! YIPE!

IN THE FLESH! OR SHOULD I SAY LEAD?

YOU DID A SENSATIONAL JOB, PLASTIC MAN! MR. FISSION COULDN'T HARM A FLY THROUGH THAT SACK YOU'VE MADE!

PLAS! PLAS! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? THE CHIEF WOULDN'T TELL ME WHERE YOU WERE BUT I KNEW YOU MUST BE AFTER MR. FISSION AND I THOUGHT YOU'D BE KILLED SO I JUST BROKE DOWN!

-I SEE! THE CHIEF'S HEART MELTED AND HE TOLD YOU I WAS HERE!

THAT'S RIGHT! AND I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE STILL SAFE! LET MR FISSION TURN UP NOW IF HE DARES! I'LL HELP YOU NAB HIM! I'M NOT AFRAID!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE! I HAVE MR. FISSION WRAPPED UP RIGHT HERE!

GOLLY! IT MUST HAVE BEEN A TOUGH FIGHT THOUGH! YOU LOOK GRAY WITH EXHAUSTION!

THAT GRAY, WOOZY, IS LEAD! PLASTIC MAN GOT THE IDEA OF COVERING HIMSELF WITH IT AS A SHIELD AGAINST THE ATOMIC RADIATION!

I CONCENTRATED SO HARD ON NEW DEVICES FOR WARDING OFF THE PARTICULAR KIND OF RAYS MR. FISSION HAD AT HIS FINGERTIPS THAT I COMPLETELY OVER-LOOKED THE GOOD OLD FASHIONED PROTECTION!

AND I WOULD PROBABLY NEVER HAVE GOTTEN THE IDEA IF THE CHIEF HADN'T HAPPENED TO MENTION THE WORD "LEAD"!

THAT'S ALL VERY FINE! BUT HOW ARE YOU GOING TO PUT HIM IN JAIL? HE'LL KILL ALL THE GUARDS WITH HIS RAYS!

I'VE ALREADY ARRANGED TO HAVE A LEAD LINED CELL CONSTRUCTED! IT SHOULD BE READY NOW!

EVENTUALLY RADIOACTIVITY DISAPPEARS! AS SOON AS MR. FISSION HAS LOST HIS IN THAT CELL, THE GOVERNMENT WILL PUT A NEW KIND OF POWER INTO HIM! ELECTRICITY! AND HE'LL GET IT IN A BIG CHAIR!

A FITTING END FOR A ROTTEN SPY! I KNEW WE'D LAND HIM, PLAS!

PLASTIC MAN

JUNGLE GOD

WEIRD rumors were afloat among the natives! Strange tales in varying degrees of credibility! Some told of a monster so horrible in appearance that strong men fell trembling in terror at the sight! Others said it was an evil spirit which emerged each night from Satan's world below and brought death and disaster to all who dared to defy it! But to the hostile Bonga tribe, he was a jungle god who emerged each day at dusk and demanded homage! And for fear of displeasing him and bringing his wrath down upon them, they heaped up offerings of food and obeyed his every command!

"Well, at least he's accomplished something if he has the Bongas under control," grinned Duke Andrews as he listened intently to accounts of the bizarre being or beast or whatever it was that had wrought such a disturbance among the inhabitants of the interior! "The Bongas have always been the most savage people in the Amazon country!"

"I'm going up there," he said suddenly to his friend and informer Rex Benson! "My purpose here is to get a series of magazine articles on native life! And I can't think of a better bet for a real thriller!"

"Turning explorer, huh?" smiled Benson. "That's my racket! And an inexperienced guy like you wouldn't stand a chance of coming out alive! But I've been curious enough to consider making the excursion myself! So what say we take the gamble together?"

It was without doubt a gamble when you took into account the number of adventure seekers who had gone into the jungle country and never returned! There had been Jamison and Albright and Stevens! And only a few months before, one of the most daring explorers of all time had disappeared so mysteriously that his party returned without the slightest clue to his fate and he had not been heard of again. Ralph Lardner had been the last man in the world expected to meet with foul play because of his knack at handling tribal languages and his thorough acquaintance with native customs!

Preparing for the journey presented numerous problems to Andrews and Benson and foremost among them was the fact that native guides refused to go into that part of the Bonga country where the terrible creature made his nightly appearances and ruled with an unrighteous hand! And it was not only the fear of the fabled spirit itself but also the dread of being captured by the ruthless Bongas who were no more friendly to other native tribes than to white men! Their methods of dealing with intruders were described as merciless and gruesome!

But finally, after paying large sums of money and promising gifts of value, they made up a party and started up the Amazon! It took days for the trip, rugged days on the river and nights of sleeping on the hard banks! Then, at last, they arrived at their destination and cleared space and made camp near the spot where the jungle god was supposed to hold forth!

It must have been their campfire which attracted the Bongas! Without a sound or an inkling that anyone was near, Andrews and Benson and their party were encircled and marched at the point of spears to the Bonga village! They were tied with vines until time for the tribal torture!

Andrews flashed a grim smile to Benson! "Guess the jig's up," he said. "Sorry if I influenced you to get into this mess! Sure too bad I can't write it up and get it out by carrier pigeon! Bet I'd get a good by-line!"

"And a few fine phrases in your obituary," added Benson!

Then suddenly a strange thing happened! The Bongas all dropped to their knees and rested their heads on the ground in humble obeisance and out of the jungle swamp emerged a figure so grotesque that Andrews and Benson stared! It was like a man with long whiskers of green slimey moss, hair in strings and full of leaves like the vines with which they were tied. splotches of mud on its face applied in such a way as to make it look like a ghastly spectre! Its clothes were of swamp grass and its stride was slow and sure!

"Anyway, I've seen it," thought Andrews. "And I don't wonder that the natives fear it! It's about the most revolting looking thing I ever saw!"

Then came its voice in a low, guttural monotone and speaking the native language. Andrews couldn't understand a word but he felt a keen sense of relief and gratitude when certain natives arose and freed him and Benson and the rest of their party and ushered them honorably back to their camp!

"What do you make of it?" he asked Benson at last after the Bongas had backed away, bowing!

"We'll soon find out," answered Benson, beckoning to where the fantastic figure was approaching, walking with steady steps and slow!

Thank heaven, you got here," it said in English! "I told them to let you go free and they obeyed! I've had to pretend to be a god to survive among these savages! I've lived in a cave at the edge of the swamp and impressed them with this crazy costume!"

"But who are you?" queried Benson!

"I thought you knew and had come to my rescue! I'm Ralph Lardner! Let's leave right away!"

"Wow!" muttered Duke Andrews to himself. "What a story!"

PLASTIC MAN

NOW WHY WOULD ANYONE WANT A PAIR OF SHOES LIKE THESE?

THAT'S A GOOD QUESTION PLASTIC MAN BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FIND THE ANSWER!

PLASTIC MAN AGREES TO AID ON THE SURFACE OF...

The HOLLOW HEELS!

AT THE HEADQUARTERS OF BUBBLE HEAD BEEL...

I'M READY BUBBLE HEAD! WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?

TAKE YOUR SHOES OFF!

I DON'T GET IT! FIRST YOU HIRE ME TO DO A JOB FOR YOU AND THAT'S ALL RIGHT WITH ME, BUT WHY DO I HAVE TO PLAY THE BAREFOOT BOY?

YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A LITTLE DELIVERY FOR ME! AND THIS IS THE WAY YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT!

PLASTIC MAN

THE COPS ARE LOOKING FOR THIS JEWELRY AND WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY DON'T FIND IT!

HEY THAT'S PRETTY SMART! YOU HIDE THE STUFF IN THE SHOES! I WEAR THE SHOES AND NOBODY CATCHES ON!

THAT'S THE PITCH! NOW PUT THESE ON AND GET OVER TO 619 HINDEMITH AVENUE!

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING... WHY HERE ME? ONE OF YOUR OWN BOYS COULD DO THE JOB!

MY BOYS ARE BUSY FIXING UP THE SHOES!

OKAY, BUBBLE HEAD, I'M ON MY WAY!

GET RIGHT OVER THERE! THEY'RE WAITING FOR THE STUFF!

HEY PLAS, I'VE BEEN THINKING!

UH-OH! THAT SOUNDS SERIOUS!

I THINK THAT IF I WERE TWO INCHES TALLER, PEOPLE WOULD LOOK UP TO ME MORE!

I FORGOT TO ASK BUBBLE HEAD WHAT HE WAS PAYING ME FOR THIS JOB! I BETTER GO BACK!

I COULD GET A PAIR OF BUILT-UP SHOES LIKE THAT GUY IS WEARING! I'M GOING TO ASK HIM WHERE HE BOUGHT THEM!

PLASTIC™ MAN

HEY, MISTER! WAIT A MINUTE! I WANT TO ASK YOU AN IMPORTANT QUESTION!

HE DOESN'T HEAR YOU, WOOZY! WHY DON'T YOU JUST FORGET ABOUT IT?

THERE HE GOES, PLAS!

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BY THE WAY, BUBBLE HEAD! YOU FORGOT TO MENTION THE FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS!

HOLD ON! I GOTTA SEE WHO'S AT THE DOOR!

KNOCK! KNOCK!

MAYBE YOU CAN HELP ME, SIR! I WANT TO BE TALLER!

YOU'VE COME TO THE RIGHT PLACE! I'LL BE WITH YOU IN A MINUTE!

YOU'LL BE PAID WHEN YOU DELIVER THE STUFF! NOW SCRAM! I GOTTA CONCENTRATE ON GETTING PLASTIC MAN OUT OF HERE!

HMM! THAT MAN LOOKS TO ME LIKE BUBBLE HEAD BREEL! SEEMS TO ME I HEARD HE WAS SUSPECTED OF A DIAMOND ROBBERY!

NOW, I HAVE JUST THE ITEM THAT WILL SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM, SIR!

OH, BOY! LET'S HAVE IT!

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YOU'LL GET IT RIGHT AWAY!

MY BOYS IN THE BACK WILL SEE TO THAT!

NOW WHY WOULD ANY-ONE MANUFACTURE SHOES WITH HOLLOW HEELS UNLESS THEY HAVE SOMETHING TO HIDE?

PLASTIC MAN

WE CAN'T TAKE ANY CHANCES! I'M GOING TO TAKE CARE OF PLASTIC MAN YOU TAKE CARE OF HIS FAT FRIEND.

START PACKING UP AS FAST AS YOU CAN! WE'RE CLEARING OUT OF HERE AS SOON AS I FINISH WITH PLASTIC MAN!

MAYBE THERE'S SOME TIE-UP BETWEEN THE JEWEL ROBBERY AND THESE METAL SMUGS!

THERE SURE IS! BUT YOU'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO PROVE IT!

AAAAA!

HEY....

JUST HALF AN HOUR LATER...

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN HICKED IN THE HEAD BY A MULE!

I WONDER WHAT THOSE HOODS DID WITH WOOZY? I'VE GOT TO REPORT TO THE CHIEF ABOUT THIS RIGHT AWAY!

...AND THAT'S THE STORY, CHIEF! CAN YOU GET OVER HERE RIGHT AWAY? GOOD.. I'LL BE WAITING!

THEY CERTAINLY DID A COMPLETE JOB OF IT! NOT A SHRED OF EVIDENCE ANYWHERE! NOT A SINGLE CLUE!

PLAS THAT WAS A FANTASTIC STORY YOU GAVE ME OVER THE PHONE! I'VE BEEN CHECKING ON IT!

WHAT DID YOU FIND OUT, CHIEF?

PLAS I THINK YOU'VE BEEN WORKING TOO HARD! YOUR IMAGINATION IS PLAYING TRICKS ON YOU! THERE NEVER WAS A SHOE FACTORY HERE!

HUH?

THAT'S RIGHT! I'VE BEEN TALKING TO THIS FELLOW! HE TAKES CARE OF THIS BUILDING! HE DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT A SHOE FACTORY!

THIS PLACE BE EMPTY FOR TWO WEEKS! THERE BE NOBODY HERE!

PLASTIC MAN

BUT...CHIEF! IT'S TRUE... EVERY WORD OF IT!

I'M GRANTING YOU A LEAVE OF ABSENCE, PLAS! YOU NEED THE REST! YOU'RE NO GOOD TO THE F.B.I. IN THE SHAPE YOU'RE IN NOW!

IF I COULD ONLY FIND WOOZY! HE'D BACK UP MY STORY!

I'M SORRY, PLAS! BUT I'M NOT BUYING ANY TALL TALES TODAY!

NOW WHY WOULD THE BUILDING JANITOR LIE UNLESS HE WAS PAID TO DO IT? HE'S THE ONLY LEAD I HAVE AND I'M GOING TO FOLLOW IT UP!

OH, WHAT FANCY SHOES! THEY MAYBE DROP THEM WHEN THEY LEAVE HERE IN A HURRY!

THEY LOOK LIKE MY SIZE! I TRY THEM ON!

THEY BE PERFECT! MAYBE BUBBLE HEAD LET ME KEEP THEM!

I GO ASK HIM NOW! AND I TELL HIM EVERYTHING BE ALL RIGHT! HE LAUGH WHEN HE HEAR CHIEF BRANNER THINK PLASTIC MAN BE LIAR!

HERE BE PLACE! BUBBLE HEAD BE GLAD TO HEAR NEWS!

HEY, WHAT DID YOU COME HERE FOR? YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED!

OH, NO! IS ALL RIGHT! I WANT TO KNOW IF I CAN KEEP THESE VERY FINE SHOES!

I NEVER SAW THOSE BEFORE! WHERE DID THEY COME FROM?

YEAH, YOU CAN KEEP THEM! THEY'RE NOT OURS!

HEY, WHAT HAPPEN? I NOT WANT TO KICK YOU!

I DO!

OH, PLAS! YOU'VE COME TO THE RESCUE!

IT'S PLASTIC MAN! STOP HIM!

SORRY, BUBBLE HEAD! YOU STOPPED ME ONCE! I'M NOT GOING TO LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN!

YOU'RE A SHREWD OPERATOR, BUBBLE HEAD, BUT A CROOKED ONE! MAYBE THIS WILL STRAIGHTEN YOU OUT!

GOOD WORK, PLAS! AND ALL THE STOLEN DIAMONDS ARE HERE! THEY'RE INSIDE THE HEELS OF THEIR SHOES! I SAW THEM PUT THEM IN THERE!

And SOMETIME LATER...

I'M SORRY I DOUBTED YOUR WORD, PLAS, BUT IT CERTAINLY WAS A FANTASTIC STORY!

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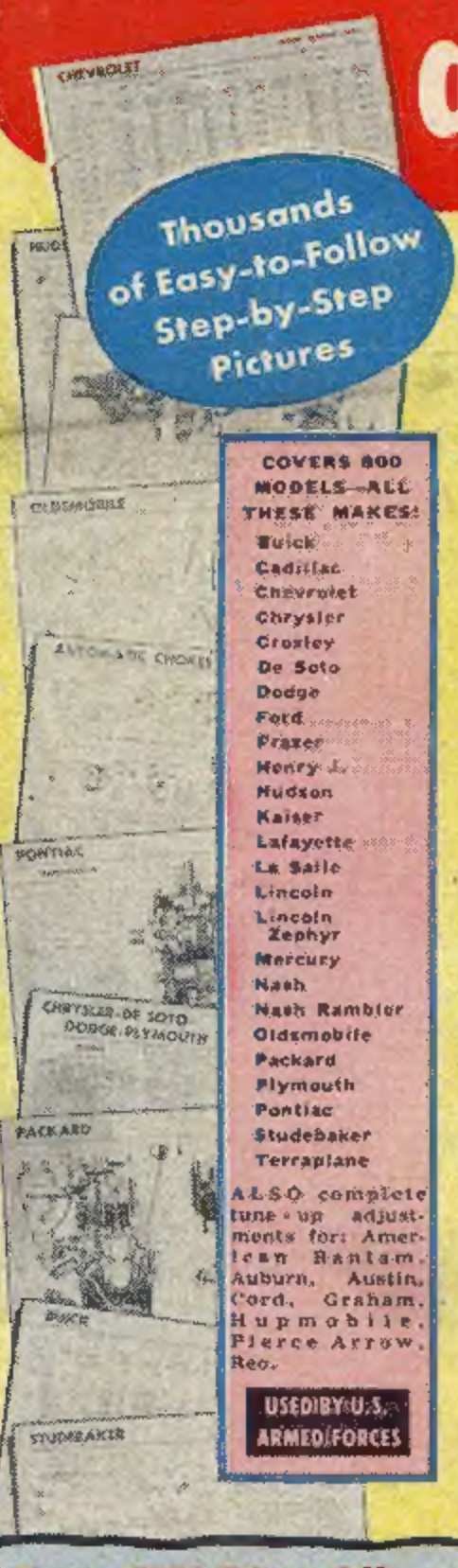

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